

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to:

FIG. 3: has been amended to switch the descriptions of “LATERAL DIRECTION OF VEHICLE BODY” with “FORE-AND-AFT DIRECTION OF VEHICLE BODY.”

FIG. 5(b): “+ SENSOR OUTPUT” has been changed to “X COMPONENT.”

FIG. 7: Box S18 has been amended to add a second absolute value sign.

Attachment: Replacement sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5-13 and 17-20 have been amended. Claims 1 and 13 are independent. The specification and drawings have been amended. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings stand objected to due to minor informalities in FIG. 3, 5(b) and 7. As the Examiner will note, these figures have been amended in order to address the objection from the Examiner. Specifically, FIG. 3 has been amended to switch the descriptions of "LATERAL DIRECTION OF VEHICLE BODY" with "FORE-AND-AFT DIRECTION OF VEHICLE BODY." In FIG. 5(b), "+ SENSOR OUTPUT" has been changed to "X COMPONENT." Furthermore, in FIG. 7, Box S18 has been amended to add a second absolute value sign.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the drawings are in proper form. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the drawing objection are therefore respectfully requested.

Objection to the Specification

The specification stands objected to for minor informalities. As the Examiner will note, the specification has been carefully reviewed and revised, taking into consideration the specific deficiencies pointed out by the Examiner. It is believed that the specification is now in proper form. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the specification objection are respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As the Examiner will note, the claims have been carefully reviewed and revised, taking into consideration the specific deficiencies pointed out by the Examiner.

With specific regard to the Examiner's rejection of claim 1 due to the recitations "an overturn detecting unit," "an engine stopping unit" and "a restoration unit," the Examiner asserts that all of these functions are performed by the ECU. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner. Although the ECU in the present application may perform all of the above functions, Applicants do not believe that it is necessary for the ECU to perform all of these functions. For example, each of the functions could be performed by different units, with the ECU receiving signals from each of the units. Although claim 1 may be broad in that it encompasses the functions being performed outside of the ECU, Applicants submit that claim 1 is not indefinite. In view of this, claim 1 (and claim 13) has not been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-20 are definite and clear. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-20 have been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. For the above

reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1-20 are definite and clear. Accordingly, reconsideration and early allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

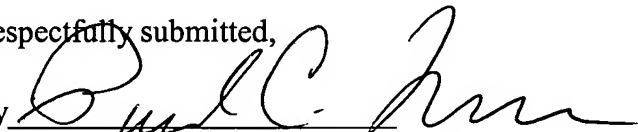
All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Paul C. Lewis, Registration No. 43,368 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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